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~~Embassy~~ Mexico ~~telegram~~ 111, Peurifoy reports chiefs missions harboring asylees Guatemala have decided protest Foreign Minister and threaten~~ed~~ complain to COAS if Government does not grant safe conducts by August 21. Department feels Guatemala probably unable resist multilateral pressure and unless alternative solution developed may grant safe conducts thus scattering Communist agents throughout Hemisphere. Castillo Armas has approved Peurifoy's suggestion US discuss with ~~propose to~~ Mexico following solution:

(1) Mexico agree withdraw asylum those persons against whom prima facie evidence submitted supporting accusation common criminal or acting as agent international Communism. Guatemala would agree upon receipt custody such persons (a) immediately prosecute accused common criminals, (b) pay expense transmit Iron Curtain communist agents electing go there, (c) good faith attempt regenerate Communist agents electing remain Guatemala, (d) immediately release Communist agents found harmless upon investigation, (e) guarantee humane treatment all persons delivered to her.

(2) Guatemala agree issue immediately safe conducts all asylees outside paragraph (1) above.

Alternative solution by agreement with host government Guatemala could grant

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grant all asylees safe conducts conditioned in cases dangerous Communists they proceed immediately behind Iron Curtain at Guatemalan expense.

Above proposals consistent with unlimited discretion granted host government to grant or refuse asylum Article 2, Convention on Diplomatic Asylum, Tenth Inter-American Conference. Assume Guatemala will waive its existing reservation this convention.

~~xxxxx~~ Because Mexico's position leadership and numerous asylees her Embassy US feels above proposal should first be submitted Mexico. ~~Please~~ Advise soonest your opinion most effective approach. Secretary ~~State~~ authorizes Holland come Mexico and discuss with ~~xx~~ President if desirable. In ~~the~~ meantime you should suggest few days' postponement Mexican participation threatened joint protest Guatemalan Foreign Minister.

Embassy Guatemala should confirm to Department Guatemalan Government's agreement proposals outlined above.

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